

The Invention

As recited by the claims, the Applicants' invention is a method and apparatus that enables video content to be displayed in a windowless Web browser frame. The present invention may be employed in an operating system that does not employ multiple windows where each window appears to be a full video buffer. In the present invention a single video buffer is employed where a browser may be written to the video buffer. In order to display video content within the single video buffer, the present generates a transparent section in the video buffer or frame and then overlaps the video content in the transparent section.

The '448 Patent

The '448 Patent teaches a Windows based composite desktop. In one aspect the invention teaches employing icon windows as part as a regional window. The invention suggests providing a mechanism for creating a composite desktop that includes various components.

The Section 102 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 7, 11-14, 17, 21-24, and 27-28 under 35 USC section 102(e) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 6,278,448 (the '448 patent). Applicants respectfully contend that the '448 patent does not anticipate or make the Applicants' invention obvious and requests reconsideration in light of the following.

Claim 1

Claim 1 recites:

1. A method of displaying a video content frame within a WEB browser based content frame in a windowless environment, comprising the steps of:
 - a) generating a transparent section in the browser based content frame; andoverlapping the video content frame in the transparent section of the browser based content frame.

As noted the '448 patent teaches a composite Windows based desktop. The Examiner stated that the disclosure in col. 3, lines 9-11 and col. 3, lines 11-14 anticipates the invention as recited in claim 1. These sections (and other sections of the '448 patent) teach employing icon WINDOWS to form a composite desktop. Accordingly the applicants respectfully contend that the '448 patent does not teach, suggest, or motivate a person skilled in the art to perform the method recited by claim 1. In particular, the '448 patent does not teach creating a transparent section in a WINDOWLESS Web browser content frame. The '448 patent also does not teach overlapping a video content frame in the created transparent section. In view of these critical differences, Applicants' respectfully contend that the present invention is not obvious in view of or anticipated by the '448 patent.

Remaining Claims

Applicants' respectfully contend that the remaining claims 2-30 are not obvious in view or anticipated by the '448 patent in view of the comments presented for claim one. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that the claims are in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the

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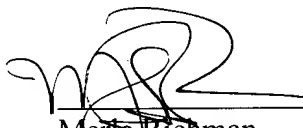
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Examiner telephone Merle Richman, Applicants' Attorney at 858 320-2030 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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